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SUBJECT:CONTINGENCY PRESS GUIDANCE - BORDER ATTACK ON
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1. PARAS 2-6 CONTAIN PRESS GUIDANCE PREPARED FOR MARCH 22
DEPT. BRIEFING, FOR USE ONLY IF ASKED.

2. Q. WHAT'S THE SITUATION ON THE GROUND?

A. FIGHTING REPORTEDLY CONTINUES WEST OF THE TOWN OF
MUTSHATSHA, ALONG THE RAIL LINE. THIS WOULD BE THE AREA

150-250 KILOMETERS WEST OF KOLWEZI. MORE SPECIFIC INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE.

3. Q. ANY FURTHER WORD FROM THE MISSIONARIES? ARE THEY STILL UNDER HOUSE ARREST IN KAPANGA?

A. THE MISSIONARIES ARE APPARENTLY BEING WELL-TREATED, ACCORDING TO REPORTS REACHING THE EMBASSY IN KINSHASA.

4. Q. WHAT WAS ON THE SECOND PLANE AND WHAT WAS ITS COST?

A. I HAVE A LIST OF EQUIPMENT ON THE SECOND PLANE WHICH DEPARTED JFK AIRPORT IN NEW YORK YESTERDAY AFTERNOON:

C-130 SPARE PARTS
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
PATROL BOAT SPARE PARTS
INDIVIDUAL ITEMS OF EQUIPMENT (PACKS, CANTEENS, BOOTS, HELMETS, ETC.)
RATIONS
PARACHUTES

THE EQUIPMENT ITSELF WAS WORTH APPROXIMATELY 610,000 DOLLARS. TRANSPORTATION AND HANDLING COSTS WILL RUN IN THE 400,000 DOLLAR RANGE, BUT I CANNOT BE MORE PRECISE UNTIL ALL THE BILLS FOR THE EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORTATION, AND HANDLING GO THROUGH THE ACCOUNTING PROCESS.

5. Q. ANY FURTHER WORD ABOUT THE ZAIRIANS' SUPPLEMENTARY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST TO PURCHASE U.S. MATERIEL?

A. WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS IT AT THIS TIME. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONSULT WITH CONGRESS BEFORE REACHING A FINAL DECISION.

6. Q. WHO'S STUDYING THE REQUEST?

A. AS I STATED YESTERDAY, WE ARE STUDYING THE REQUEST, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE WHITE HOUSE.
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